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1. Pardubice Airfield is located southwest of the city of Pardubice at the southwest edge of the racetrack, about 250 meters from the village of Popkovice. The entire area is flat, with no large woods.
2. A two-story building (No. 5 on the annexed sketch) is probably the field's headquarters building. It is 8 by 8 by 10 meters in size, is built of brick, painted white and has a dark tile roof. On the western end of the roof is a mast about 1½ meters high, with several crossbars which are parallel to the runway. Southeast of this building there is a mast 10 meters high which holds the wind sleeve.
3. There are also two buildings of recent construction (No. 12 on the sketch) which are painted dark gray, built of brick, and have flat roofs. They are about 20 by 25 by 8 meters in size.
4. The hangar (No. 15 on the sketch) is 50 meters square and 8 meters high. It has a semi-elliptical roof covered with roofing felt. The lower part of the building is built of brick or concrete, the upper part of steel and glass.
5. The field has one runway, which is about 2,000 meters long and 30 meters wide. It is built of concrete and runs roughly east and west. A concrete taxiway 15 meters wide runs parallel to and about 180 meters distant from the runway.
6. No radar equipment, fuel pipelines or night lighting equipment was observed.
7. Work was still going on at the Pardubice Airfield at the time of observation. On one occasion, 18 workers were observed at the taxiway (No. 4 on the sketch) at 10:30 p.m.. They were engaged in driving steel plates into the ground along the taxiway with a pile driver. The plates were about 30 cm. wide. At that hour, it was not possible to ascertain whether the workers were civilians or troops. There were heaps of earth on the taxiway.

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8. At No. 13 on the sketch there were several wooden huts and concrete mixers.
9. No trucks or bulldozers were observed on the field, but building material appears to be brought to the site by a railroad track running southeast of the racetrack. Several open cars were observed standing on this track.
10. The Army barracks (No. 14 on the sketch) were occupied by troops wearing Army uniforms with black tabs. All the buildings are of brick, approximately 30 by 30 by 10 meters in size, and they have dark tiled roofs.

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11. The military guard at point No. 7 on the sketch was armed with a sub-machine gun. He wore an Army uniform with black tabs and spoke Slovakian.

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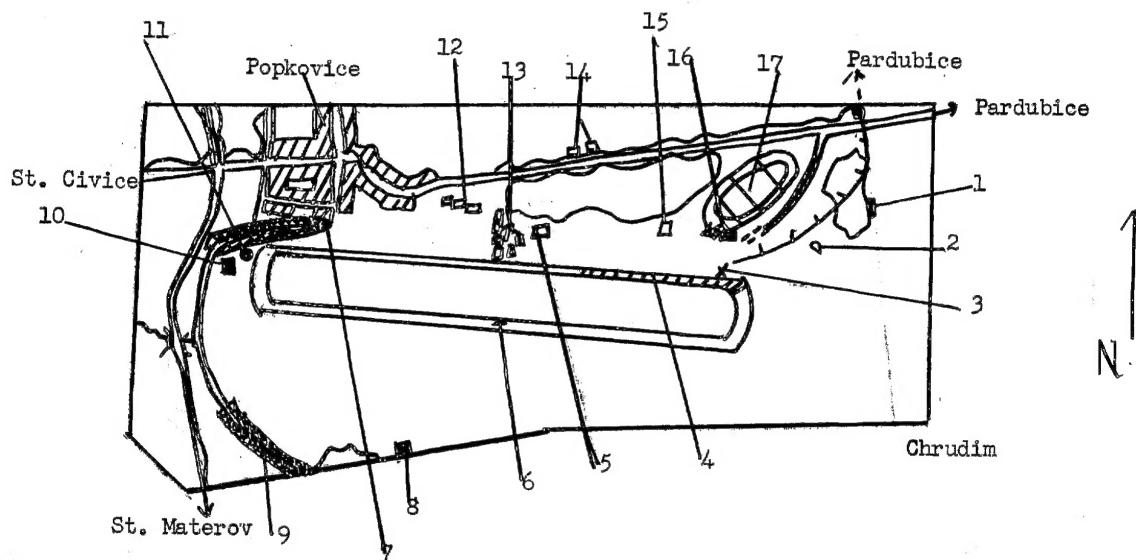
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Legend to Sketch

- (1) Railroad stop at Zavodiste.
- (2) Concrete building.
- (3) Site of construction along the taxiway.
- (4) Taxiway.
- (5) Headquarters building.
- (6) Runway.
- (7) Road to St. Materov and guard post.
- (8) Observation tower about three meters high.
- (9) Concrete bed of the stream.
- (10) Earth dyke.
- (11) Concrete square, 10 by 10 meters.
- (12) Two buildings painted dark gray.
- (13) Wooden huts and concrete mixers.
- (14) Army barracks.
- (15) Hangar.
- (16) Racetrack stands.
- (17) Racetrack.

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